

ABSTRACT

A method and system provide real-time, after-hours stock trading to both retail and institutional investors. The system acts as a hub connecting investors from numerous brokerage firms and delivers real-time, after-hours trading services to both retail and institutional investors. It matches buy and sell trade orders placed by different investors on the system, thereby allowing both retail and institutional investors to execute trades with each other either before, during or after-hours. Consistent with the present invention, when the trading system's matching engine determines that a buy order and a sell order from different investors match, it executes and processes the trade. In one implementation, the system's market information is published in real-time on the Internet and is viewable by investors and the general public.

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